

Ronald McDonald House Charities Offers Collectible Cookbook to Benefit Ronald McDonald House

November 19, 2005. Columbus, Ohio— Mayor Michael B. Coleman and City Council members Charleta Tavares and Mary Jo Hudson today praised local volunteers and the many contributors behind the new Ronald McDonald House Commemorative Cookbook.

“It is never easy to pick a favorite recipe, but Frankie and I are honored that our Red Beans and Rice has made the list for this great collection to help out with a great cause,” said Mayor Coleman.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio produced the cookbook commemorating the opening of Columbus’ new Ronald McDonald House, which serves as a home-away-from-home for families of hospitalized children. The new House—opened in 2005 on the campus of Children’s Hospital—replaces the former Ronald McDonald House that was in service for more than twenty years.

Councilmember Charleta Tavares said, “We cook and share our favorite recipes to show the love we feel for our friends and family. And, in turn, we are sharing these favorite recipes to show our love for the children and families of the Ronald McDonald House.”

“For parents stressed at having a child in the hospital, the Ronald McDonald House offers a moment of emotional rest and relief,” said Councilmember Mary Jo Hudson, whose recipe for vegetable lasagna was included in the cookbook. “I am honored to have a recipe from my family be part of a project to help other families in our City.”

In addition to contributors such as Jim and Ellen Tressel and Thad and Barbara Matta, the Ronald McDonald House Commemorative Cookbook contains recipes from Mayor Coleman and First Lady Frankie Coleman, Columbus City Council Members Tavares, Thomas and Hudson, and various Columbus City officials. It also features recipes from national celebrities; for example: Arnold Palmer’s Salsa, Jack Hanna’s Apple-Tortellini Salad, Jack Nicklaus’s favorite cheesecake. There are also recipes from U.S. Presidents, Governors and Senators. “It’s as much fun to see who contributed a recipe as it is to read the recipe,” stated Tracey Wilson, Ronald McDonald House Development Director.

The Ronald McDonald House Commemorative Cookbook is available at participating: The Buckeye Hall of Fame Café, 1421 Olentangy River Road; The Grange Bank, 605 South Front Street and at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House, 555 Children’s Drive West—phone 227-3700. The \$15 cookbook has over 725 recipes.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization and owns and operates the Columbus Ronald McDonald House.